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SUBJ: USG REPRESENTATION LIST 16

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1. SIX MONTHS AFTER SUBMISSION OF USG REPRESENTATION LIST 16, 1/4 OF 274 FAMILY UNITS ON ORIGINAL LIST HAVE RECEIVED SOVIET EXIT PERMISSION. PROGRESS HAS BEEN DISAPPOINTING DURING AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER AFTER MILDLY ENCOURAGING SIGNS OF APRIL-JULY PERIOD REPORTED REFTEL: ONLY NINE CASES WERE RESOLVED OR PARTIALLY RESOLVED DURING MOST RECENT TWO-MONTH PERIOD.

2. FACTORS RESPONSIBLE FOR LACK OF MOVEMENT DURING AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER MAY INCLUDE INACTIVITY OF SOME APPLICANTS AND FAILURE ON THEIR PART TO RENEW PREVIOUSLY REFUSED APPLICATIONS, SINCE EMBASSY HAS BEEN INFORMED OF RELATIVELY FEW NEW REFUSALS SINCE THOSE REPORTED REFTEL. EMBASSY ALSO UNAWARE HOW MANY JEWISH FAMILIES ON LIST MAY HAVE DROPPED EXIT-TO-US APPLICATIONS IN FAVOR OF APPLICATIONS FOR ISRAEL, WHICH EXPERIENCE HAS SHOWN ARE MUCH MORE LIKELY TO BE GRANTED BY SOVIET AUTHORITIES. NUMBER OF APPROVALS MAY ALSO HAVE BEEN REDUCED BY AUGUST SEASONAL LAG. WHATEVER THE ROLE OF FACTORS SUCH AS THESE,
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HOWEVER, SOVIETS' RESPONSE TO REPEATED SPECIAL HIGH-LEVEL

REPRESENTATIONS ON BEHALF OF DUAL-NATIONAL AND "HARDSHIP" CASES
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